

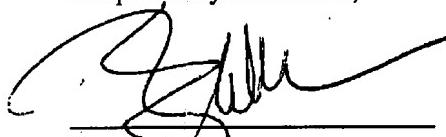
REMARKS / CONCLUSION

The marking of claim 16 has been corrected, and it should be apparent that the amendment to claim 16 is for clarity. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants are of the view that the pending claims, namely claims 1-24, 27, 30-32 and 34-40, are in allowable form. Favorable consideration is requested and early allowance of the Application is earnestly solicited.

If the application is not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the Applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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